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Attorney Docket No.: 21630-001000US

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the application of:

ROBERT G. WHIRLEY et al.

Application No.: 09/679,725

Filed: October 4, 2004

For: VIRTUAL PROTOTYPING AND  
TESTING FOR MEDICAL DEVICE  
DEPLOYMENT

Examiner: C. Ortiz Rodriguez

Art Unit: 2125

**AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 24, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 4 of this paper.

The Remarks section begins on page 26 of this paper.